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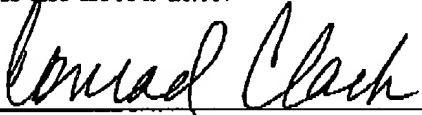
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

BARBOSA, M.

Serial No.: 09/986,956

Filed: November 13, 2001

For: DUAL LEADING SHOE DRUM  
BRAKE

**Art Unit: 3683**

Examiner: Nguyen, Xuan

## RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

**This responds to the Office Action of June 23, 2005.**

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.**

Remarks begin on page 5.